

Introduction

In June 2001, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration submitted an application for a new Home and Community-Based Waiver for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (DD Waiver) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). On October 1, 2001, this waiver program will replace the old ICF/MR Waiver Program.

Effective October 1, 2001, individuals receiving services under the old ICF/MR Waiver will be served by the new DD Waiver. This conversion will be seamless, as services on the new waiver are the same or comparable to the old waiver (with the addition of a few new services). Although case management has been removed as a waiver service, it will continue as a regular Medicaid service for developmentally disabled Medicaid recipients under the Medicaid State Plan. (See Targeted Case Management.) All DD Waiver program participants will receive case management under the State Plan.

Services on the new waiver as reported to CMS are:

- Home-Based Residential Habilitation and Support;
- Agency-Based Residential Habilitation and Support;
- Respite Care;
- Community Habilitation and Participation;
- Supported Employment;
- Pre-Vocational Services;
- Personal Emergency Response Systems;
- Health Care Coordination;
- Enhanced Dental;
- Therapies;
- Transportation;
- Adult Day Services;
- Medical Equipment and Supplies; and
- Environmental Modifications.

Specific services will be defined in this manual. Sections 1-6 outline the roles of various entities in the DD Waiver program, provide service definitions, qualifications, and rates, while sections 7 - 8 address case management processes. Section 9 describes the newly established quality improvement system, and the remainder of the manual contains current policies on Hearings and Appeals, Person-Centered Planning, Incident Reporting, the Support Plan, Provider/Case Management Standards, the complaint process, as well as, a Consumer Guide and

"Who's Who" in the world of Medicaid waivers for persons with developmental disabilities.

Revisions to the manual will be made as changes or additions/deletions occur. The particular section/page(s) of the manual will be revised and distributed to all who utilize the manual and will be posted on the web at www.in.gov/FSSA/. Removing, replacing or adding information to the manual as changes occur, will be essential to assure programming that is appropriate, safe, responsive to needs, and cost-effective.